Kennedy School Newsletter

No. 30, 28 April 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We look forward to the long weekend ahead and for those planning a family vacation or accompanying a child on a sporting trip I trust you will enjoy the weekend.

Monday and Wednesday are public holidays however, there is normal school on Tuesday.

New Innovative Position at Kennedy School

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we chose to not appoint a new Vice Principal for Kennedy School next year, instead creating a new an exciting leadership opportunity for one of our existing teachers. We have many experienced and talented staff at Kennedy School and I am pleased to announce that our new Teaching Innovation Leader for the 2017/2018 school year will be Mr Robert Sweet. Rob is currently a Year Six teacher and also the Mathematics Leader at Kennedy School. He has experience across all year levels and I am excited about what he will bring to this new role, Congratulations Rob!

No Hat No Play

The weather is warming up and we will now be enforcing the 'NO HAT NO PLAY' rule. All children are expected to have a Kennedy School hat. No other hats will be allowed apart from Year Six who only have two months left with us and they do not need to purchase a new Kennedy School hat for that short amount of time. Enjoy the weekend.

JOHN BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL

2017 APRIL/MAY DATES

28 APR	ESF CELEBRATION OF DANCE
1 MAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
2 MAY	SWIMMING STARTS - 1A,1B, 1M, 5A, 5K,5D
3 MAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
4 MAY	YR 6 TRANSITION - 6R, 6RO, 6S
4 MAY	SWIMMING STARTS - 3T, 3O, 3S, 3C, 3W
4 MAY	YR 5 COCA COLA FACTORY TRIP - 5A (9AM-11:30AM)
4 MAY	READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS (6PM-7PM)
5 MAY	YR 6 TRANSITION - 6R, 6RO, 6S
5 MAY	PTA COFFEE MORNING 8:30AM - 9:30AM
5 MAY	SWIMMING STARTS - 2R, 2J, 4J, 4M, 5J, 5S
6 MAY	TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS FINALS DAY

FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 6 IMMUNISATION DTaP-IPV FORMS
2ND MAY RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER

KENNEDY SCHOOL NEW PHONE NUMBER: **2579 5600**

WHAT:

FREE READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

WHEN:

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

TIME:

FROM 6:00PM - 7:00PM

FREE READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Please come and join us on Thursday, May 4th from 6-7pm for a presentation and workshop about reading at Kennedy School.

A number of key areas will be addressed, including:

- **What reading looks like across the school**
- **Strategies that we use in the classroom**
- **How we can inspire and appeal to our young readers**
- **Why reading is so important to the lives of both children and adults**
- **How we know where children are in their reading development and the assessment tools we use**
- **Ways in which you can support at home.**

The workshop will be interactive and give you the opportunity to engage with approaches to learning and teaching that your children use on a daily basis. This session is open to parents of children from all year groups.

Please express your interest in attending by signing up on the Google form link:
https://goo.gl/forms/KrjcGxjTZTdZaaGo1

We look forward to seeing you all on May 4th.

Jeff Moore English Coordinator and Josh Blue Vice Principal/ PYP Coordinator

EXPRESS YOURSELF! CALL FOR COMMUNITY EXPERTS FOR THE YEAR 6 EXHIBTION

Once again this year the Year 6 PYP Exhibition will fall within the transdisciplinary theme of How we express ourselves. Students will have the opportunity to inquire into a wide array of art forms and types of expression. They will explore in-depth a particular art form that resonates with them and build their exhibition around that. The exhibition process culminates with the exhibition itself on the evening of May 25th.

We are putting a call out to our parent and wider community in hopes of inspiring you to share your talents, passions and interests with our students. Last year we had several parents volunteer to work with small groups of students throughout the exhibition process.

Exhibition will begin in full swing after Easter but we wanted to start early with community support. If you think you might be interested please click the link here https://goo.gl/forms VPpIyImoXHBHB6ed2 and fill in the form.

Any and all volunteers are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jblue@kennedy.edu.hk

JOSH BLUE
VICE PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

BIRTHDAY BOOK

If your child has a birthday in May andJune and you would like them to receive a book on their special day, please send $100 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, how old they will be and who the book will be from. They will be the first to borrow the book and then we'd appreciate it if they would return it to the library after one month. The book will be hand delivered to your child in their classroom on their special day and will have a label inside with a birthday message from the family. Once the book is returned, the label will remain inside for everyone to see. This is a great way to help us add new books to our collection.

1R CLASS ASSEMBLY

Counting Camels

1R wowed us this week with their class assembly focused on concepts in mathematics, ranging from shape to addition, multiplication and division! Each student had the opportunity to share through the assembly and in the videos that demonstrated the students perspective on the most important times of day. It was the first assembly I can remember that involved camels which was a unique and creative way to incorporate storytelling and mathematics. We all learned that camels are feisty and can be difficult to count (because they like to move about!). Thank you to all the 1R students, Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Wong for a fantastic sharing of learning. Also thank you to the parents and friends who came along to support them. I know that I'll certainly be on the look out for math in our environment (and camels!) over the long weekend!

JOSH BLUE
VICE PRINICPAL

YEAR 5 MUM AND DAUGHTER / DAD AND SON EVENINGS

SAVE THE DATE

As part of our Personal and Social Education programme at Kennedy, we offer an information night to girls in Year 5 so they are better prepared for body changes as they mature. The information evenings will take place separately on the following dates:

MUMS AND DAUGHTERS - TUESDAY 9TH MAY

DADS AND SONS - THURSDAY 11TH MAY

SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM 6.00 - 7.00

Please sign-up at the Google doc (link below), registration will close on the Monday 8th May. DEBBIE SHEWARD - VICE PRINCIPAL

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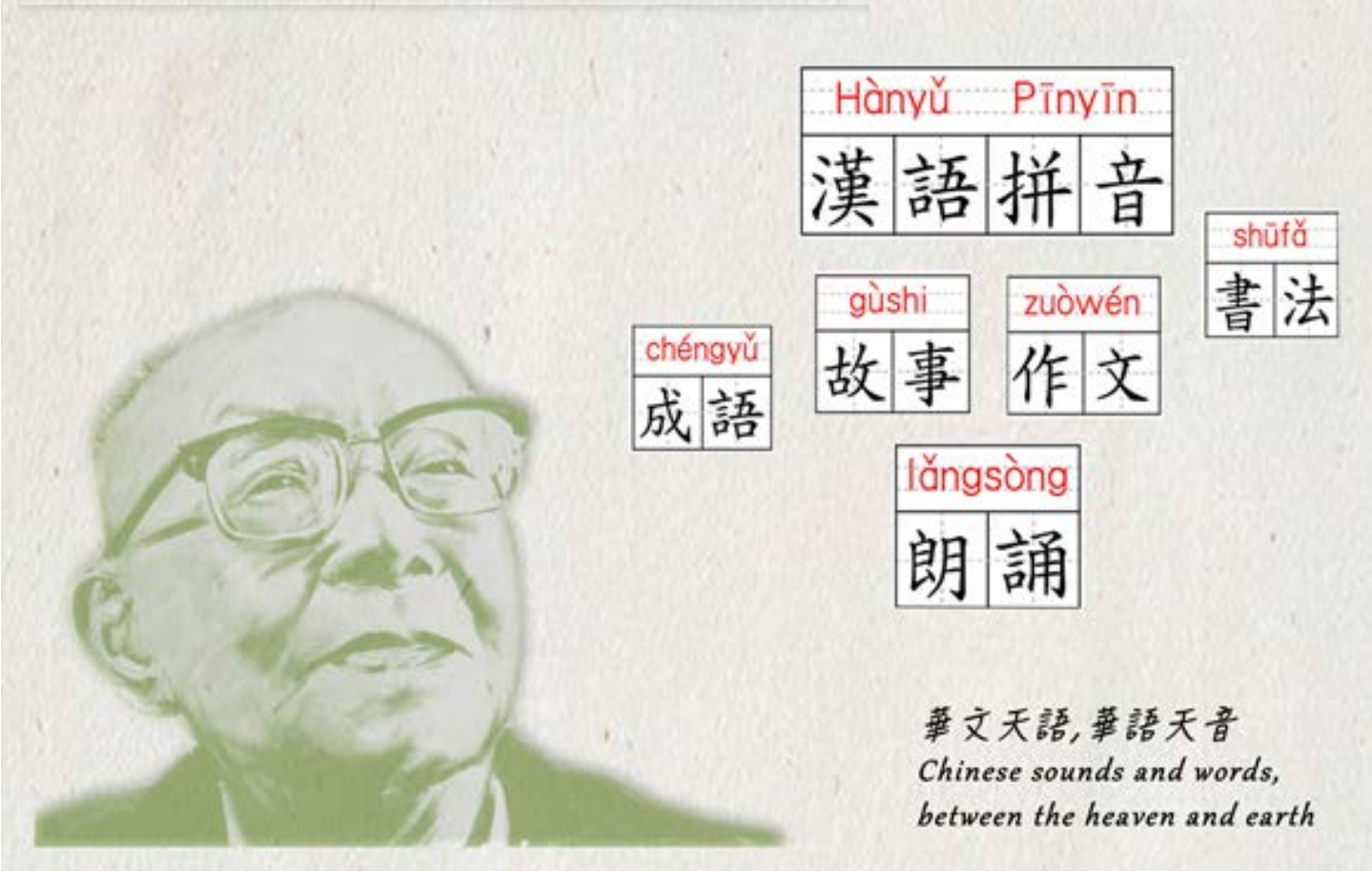
MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT



THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL ZHOU YOUGUANG CUP CHINESE TALENT SHOW (HONG KONG), 2017

To better promote Chinese Culture and to strengthen Chinese education amongst Hong Kong's youngsters, Kennedy School together with other ESF schools are going to hold Zhou Youguang Cup Chinese Talent Show in June, at Kennedy School.

We also aim to use this event to showcase young Chinese learners' talent and to offer them a platform for communication. This year's event will be very special as it coincides with the 50th anniversary of ESF. Here are some basic information of the Chinese Talent Show:

PARTICIPANTS: Students of 4-18 ages old, in kindergarten, primary or secondary schools

COMPETITION GROUPS:

- Chinese Native Speakers – both parents are of Chinese origin, and using Chinese as her/his first language.
- Non Chinese Native Speakers – with one or two non-background parents, or using other languages as first language despite the fact that parents are of Chinese origin.

USE OF LANGUAGE:

Putonghua is the only accepted language in speech items. Both simplified and traditional Chinese characters are accepted in writing items.

KEY REGULAIONS:

Every participant should select competition items matching their competition group and year level.

Every native speaker of Chinese can choose no more than three competition items that match their age group;

Lower primary (Year 1 - Year3) non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than two competition items. Upper primary (Year 4 -Year 6) and secondary non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than three items.

PRIZES:

Any participants whose total score from three competition items is the highest will be awarded the title of "champion" (kindergarten and lower primary non-native students only need to have the highest total from two competition items).

Champions will get a certificate of award and a special cup; they will also be qualified to enter the national final.

Each item from each group will have one first prize, one second prize and one third prize (a certificate will be awarded); additionally, there will be several awards of excellence (a certificate will be given to the winners).

One or two extraordinary participants from this year's event will be chosen to be the "Chinese Culture Ambassador"; they will become the image ambassador showing up on Hong Kong region's poster for the year.

Please click HERE for detailed information.

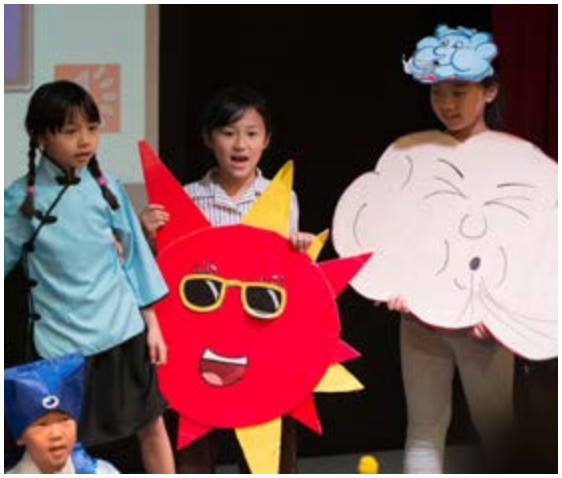
REGISTRATION PERIOD: From now on till May the 24th

REGISTRATION METHODS AND PAYMENT:

- Online Registration: Please register at http://www.apclta.org Registration fees can go directly to HSBC (004) 450-4-046709. Please email the receipt with student's name and competition items to zhouyouguang2017@kennedy.edu.hk as the evidence for successful registration.
- Collected by Chinese teachers: Please download registration form for Chinese Native Speakers or Non-Chinese Native Speakers Fill up the form and hand it with crossed cheque to your child's Chinese teacher (Cash is not acceptable)

THE CHEQUE IS MADE PAYABLE TO: HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF PINYIN QUALITY EDUCATION (PYQE)

Y3 CHINESE ASSEMBLY



What a wonderful celebration of Chinese language we had the pleasure of watching today at the Year 3 assembly. The children demonstrated such enthusiasm and did an incredible job of presenting in Chinese. We saw dances and drama about Ancient China and 'The North Wind and The Sun' amongst others and listened to songs including 'Four Seasons' and 'Happiness'. The children gave us examples of how they have been learning to remember the Chinese characters too. The assembly gave us an insight into the rich and varied programme for learning Chinese that the children at Kennedy have the opportunity to experience.

A special thank you to all of the Chinese team for all their hard work. We are very fortunate to have such a talented team at Kennedy.

Thank you to all those parents who attended too - we certainly had a full house!

Well done to Year 3 - you were fantastic!

EMMA NAVIN
VICE PRINCIPAL

KENNEDY 2016-2017 – YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Kennedy School is very proud to present a fabulous momento of the experiences and memories our children have made throughout 2016 – 2017. This Year Book will be full of children's work, entertaining photographs, pictures of school wide events and students amazing achievements. Our aim is to feature all children within the dazzling pages we are designing.

The Yearbook will be available on a pre-ordered basis for HK$ 300 per book.

In addition, if you or your company would like to make a generous donation towards the Yearbook, we will acknowledge and recognize your contribution by placing your name in the Yearbook as well.

To ensure your family receives their pre-ordered copies in June, please complete the form below and return it to the class teacher along with the cheque payment by the new extended date Friday, 28th April 2017.

Yearbook order form here

MESSAGE FROM PTA

KENNEDY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The lovely photographs that are taken at events such as Sports Day and Chinese New Year, are now available to purchase.

Currently pictures are available for:

International Rugby Day - Newly added to album

Kennedy Tag Rugby tournament

Chinese New Year - Newly added to album

Year 2 - Old Fashioned School Day

Sports Day - Years 1 and 2

Sports Day - Years 3 and 4

Sports Day - Years 5 and 6

Year 4 show

If you would like to order a copy of a photograph you may do so through the PTA Office - they will be printed on photograph paper in glossy format in a choice of 4R, 5R or A4 sizes.

Photograph Order Form

Please note that not all children are featured in the photographs for a particular event, and if your child is not in one of the pictures in our current album - it may be that they will be for future events.

KENNEDY SCHOOL TERM 2 REPORT

Please note that your child's Kennedy Term 2 Report is now available to view and download as a PDF document from the Gateway. This includes unit of inquiry 3 and 4.

We hope that you will share the report with your child in a positive way.

Please download and view/print the report from the Gateway by following the instructions below:

- Login to Gateway (https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk) and click the 'ARR Report' button:

- Select your child (if you have more than one child in the school) and click on the report you wish to view (i.e. "Kennedy 2nd Term Report"):

- Save in the usual way to your preferred location and print if needed

PLEASE NOTE – the school reports may not display correctly when viewed or printed from within your web browser. If necessary, please:

a) Download and install Adobe PDF Viewer from https://get.adobe.com/reader/ (any optional offers shown on the download page can be un-ticked/un-checked if you wish)
b) Download and save the report to your PC or Mac
c) Open the report using Adobe Reader
d) Some school reports require Chinese Fonts to be installed. If prompted, please download and install them and then re-open the report PDF

If you have any difficulties please email ITSupport@kennedy.edu.hk stating your child's name and class.

Pamela Riordan
ARR Coordinator

GREEN NEWS

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Our 'Seed to Stomach' programme continues to be a great success as many of the seeds sown before the holidays are ready to harvest, thanks to the continued support of our dedicated group of parents. Our growing garden has been lovingly tended by our year 1 children and they had fun harvesting beans from their giant bean stalks.

As part of the year 5 enterprise unit, the children have been learning how to organise garden plant sales. Lots of seeds have been sown, so look out for our annual herb and veggie sale in a few weeks time.

Our year 3 children will be learning all about the 3Rs during their final unit. Our horticultural expert, Paul Melsom, talked to all of our Year 3s about food waste and how we can use the Bokashi method to recycle food waste into rich compost. We have chosen Bokashi monitors for each class who will be in charge of composting this term.

WASTE ELECTRICAL GOODS

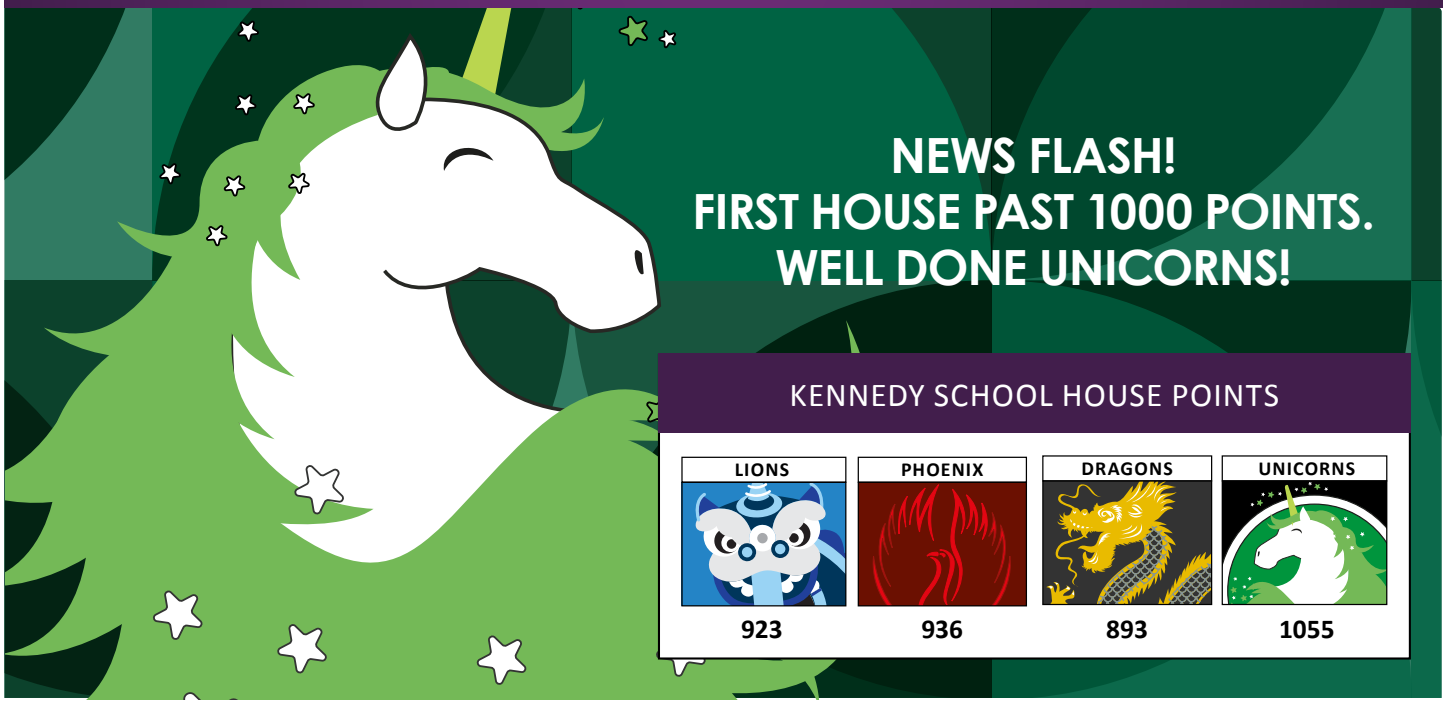
With the funding approval of the Legislative Council Finance Committee in February 2015, EPD is developing the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and Recycling Facility (WEEETRF) at the EcoPark in Tuen Mun.

The e-waste collection vehicle stations tour 18 districts on Saturdays and Sundays on a roster basis to collect e-waste from the public. The collection from Southern District is Sat/Sun 13/14 May between 9am-6pm. They collect used computers, electrical appliances, fluorescent lamps and rechargeable batteries.

- 13/5/2017 -SOUTHERN SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE (AMPHITHEATRE ADJACENT TO PIK YUEN HOUSE), ABERDEEN. Click to view the map
- 14/5/2017 SOUTHERN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE (OPEN SPACE BETWEEN LEI CHAK HOUSE AND LEI TIM HOUSE), ABERDEEN AP LEI CHAU. Click to view the map

If you have larger items, to provide a convenient channel for the public to properly handle their e-wastes, from October 2016, the contractor (ALBA-IWS) will provide e-waste collection through appointment via the hotline (2676 8888). They collect mainly washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions and computer products viz. computers (i.e. desktops, laptops and tablets), printers, scanners and monitors.

MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



HK CRICKET COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The Y3 children have been extremely fortunate to have access to coaching provided by the Hong Kong Cricket Development team.

If your child is interested in continuing their cricket journey please refer to the information provided through the links below:

CCC (Craigengower Cricket Club) at Happy Valley
on FRIDAYS 17:00 to 18:30 - FREE/6 lessons

Yau Tong Road Playground on SATURDAYS
10:00 to -12:00 - $100/6 lessons

The HK Cricket Development Website

ESF TIGERS BASKETBALL TRIALS

ESF Tigers Basketball will be holding TEAM TRIALS in April 2017 for players who are interested in joining their successful competitive teams Elite Academy Programme. Only those players who are willing to commit to playing basketball at least TWICE a week, are passionate about the sport and who want to improve their individual fundamental skills and participate in a TEAM programme.

Please click on the link for further information -
ESF Tigers Basketball Trials

ADDITIONAL GAMES SUPPORT

The school has also received fantastic coaching support from the following organisations:
Hong Kong Cricket Club Gappers - for further information please CLICK HERE
Valley Hockey Academy - for further information please CLICK HERE
Valley Fort Rugby Academy - for further information please CLICK HERE
Sandy Bay Rugby - for further information please CLICK HERE

TERM 3 - SUMMER SWIMMING TIMETABLE

SUMMER TERM SWIMMING PROGRAMME

The swimming schedule for the week is below. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit on their swimming day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May	May	May	May	May
1	2	3	4	5
PH		PH	Y6 Transition Grp 1	Y6 Transition Grp 1
Public Holiday	8:45 - 9:15 1A	Public Holiday	8:45 - 9:15 3T	8:45 - 9:15 2R
	9:15 - 9:45 1B		9:15 - 9:45 3O	9:15 - 9:45 2J
	9:45 - 10:15 1M		9:45 - 10:15 3S	9:45 - 10:15 4J
	10:30 Break		10:30 Break	10:30 Break
	11:15 - 11:45 5A		11:15 - 11:45 3C	11:15 - 11:45 4M
	11:45 - 12:15 5K		11:45 - 12:15 3W	11:45 - 12:15 5J
	12:15 - 12:45 5D		12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45 5S
	12:45 - 13:45 LUNCH		12:45 - 13:45 LUNCH	12:45 - 13:45 LUNCH

To be prepared for swimming every child requires:
Kennedy School swimming kit - swimming costume or shorts/jammers.
Swimming cap for ALL children with hair below the tops of their ears.
Large white t-shirt or swim robe
Waterproof shoes, crocs or sandals for walking to and from the pool.
Large towel, preferably a beach towel.
A strong waterproof bag.
Swimming kit, swim caps and swimming bags are all available from the PTA Office.
A rash vest is highly recommended for sun protection but is not compulsory.
Swimming goggles are also highly recommended. Please ensure goggles are measured to fit your child prior to their lesson to avoid your child losing pool time.

WALL OF FAME

Click on "add a new discussion topic" to start a new thread about your event/sport. Then enter details of your event or sporting achievement along with a photo of you in action, if you have one. Please celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

KENNEDY WALL OF FAME

Please encourage your child to celebrate their sporting passions and successes with the rest of the Kennedy Community through this format. The Kennedy School Sports Wall of Fame on our VLE is a forum where children can share their sporting achievements.

KENNEDY SPORTS UPCYCLING

Yesterday DHL came to Kennedy School to collect our latest donations to be transported to the Laos Rugby Federation. In all thirty boxes of donations, weighing in at nearly 400kgs; are making their way to Vientiane. It has been a real team effort. As a school, we have donated over 225 pairs of boots donated by you along with over 100 team kits we no longer use. We also received over 100 kits from another local school. Escapade have donated an incredible 400 rugby balls. Santa Fe Movers donated all the boxes and resources for packing the donations and DHL are generously transporting all of our donations to Laos free of charge.

The Laos Rugby Federation forwarded me this video of our previous donation of boots in action at the grassroots level. Towards the end of THIS VIDEO you will see children playing barefoot and the difference our work will make to them.

Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots, please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office. We will also accept cricket bats, wickets and balls.

ALL YEARS ASSEMBLY DATES / TIME: 8:30 - 9:00AM

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR1 AND YR2

10 MAY
YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2C
24 MAY
YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2R
7 JUNE
YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1S

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

9 MAY
YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4S
23 MAY
YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4M
6 JUNE
YR 3 ASSEMBLY - 3W

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

11 MAY
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5A
25 MAY
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5D
8 JUNE
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5K

ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Click on the following links to view advertisements for after school activities provided by external agencies and ESF Educational Services.

DAY	ACTIVITY	PROVIDER
VARIOUS	FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS, GYMNASTICS, KUNG FU, NETBALL, SCIENCE, WRITING CLASS, JAPANESE CLASS, DANCE, SPANISH	ESF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
VARIOUS	SCIENCE ADVENTURES, STORMY CHEFS, MISSION RUNWAY	ACTIVE KIDS **(TERM 3)**
MONDAY	DRAMA, SPEECH & COMMUNICATION CLASSES	STARLIT VOICE **(TERM 3)**
MONDAY	DIY WORKSHOPS	BRAINCHILD **(TERM 3)**
MONDAY	CHESS LESSONS	HOYINPING CHESS **(TERM 3)**
MONDAY	FABRIC FUN	FABRIC ART
VARIOUS	FOUNDATION'S ORATOR, FILMAKER & NOVELIST	FOUNDATION ACADEMY
WEDNESDAY	BRICKS 4 KIDZ	ELITE BRICKS
THURSDAY	DISCOVERY DOME	ASTRO CLUB **(TERM 3)**
THURSDAY	ART CLASSES	BANANA ART **(TERM 3)**
FRIDAY	CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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HONG KONG AUSKICK - AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HK Auskick provides the introductory Australian Rules Football program in HK for boys and girls from 4 to 14 years old, catering to all skill levels and highly compatible with any football background or passion. In conjunction, Hong Kong Junior AFL provides further training, development and the opportunity to play games in age groups from U8 to U15.

The programs makes learning to play the team game of Aussie Rules fun, safe and easy for kids. Through weekly coaching sessions the players will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. It also provides a great opportunity for parents to interact with their kids during the activities and make new friends across Hong Kong around the greatest game on earth.

The 2017 season in Hong Kong commences on the weekend of 29/30 April and runs until early September, making it a perfect off-season fit with other football codes. A modified program is conducted across most of July to cater for summer holidays. Sessions are hosted by 5 Clubs based in 4 main locations across Hong Kong: Kowloon (and Sai Kung), Lantau Island (DB), Sandy Bay (Pok Fu Lam) and Happy Valley.

In 2017 our players of all ages will also have the opportunity to participate in a touring party that will travel to Shanghai on the weekend of the inaugural AFL main season game on 14 May between Port Adelaide and Gold Coast. Players will have the opportunity to participate in football events on against other travelling clubs and on the ground of the main game. We are also in the final stages of confirming our participation in an AFL game in Melbourne during the HK summer holidays, stay tuned for details.

Details of the Hk Auskick 2017 season, including registrations, are available on our website: http://auskickhk.com and you can keep up to date with our activities by liking us at http://facebook.com/auskickhk Complete your Early Registration by 23 March 2017 to ensure your kit is available prior to kit collection for the first session weekend.

Our program is run entirely by volunteers, and the success of our program and at each of our locations is on us all. If parents have the time or skills to contribute then please let your Club know during the registration process or email us at hk.auskick@gmail.com

ESF TIGERS BASKETBALL

Elite Academy Programme

BOYS WANTED FOR TRIALS

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Location: 3/F Sports Hall
West Island School
Victoria Road
Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

Thursday 27th April 2017 & Thursday 4th May 2017

U12 Boys (Born 2005) 5.00pm-7.00pm

Players should arrive no later than 4.30pm for warm-up.

OPEN TO ALL ESF & NON-ESF STUDENTS

ESF 英基 SPORTS 運動

www.esf.org.hk

To apply to attend trials, please email
paul.lawrence@esf.org.hk
Tel **2760 3932**